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DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH Zoom Conference Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Attending: *Caroline Tassey, William Ward, Julie Hathaway, Mary Hart, Ian McHale, Celia Bird, Celeste Crowley*

Absent:

Meeting called to order by Interim Chair Tassey at 6:30 PM

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Approvals: a. Agenda b. Approval of July Minutes	a. Moved agenda Item 6; Revision to Pesticide Application to Item 3b. Moved item 5; Community Declaration of Racism to Item 9; Emerging Issues. b. July minutes approved with amendments.	Agenda approved with amendments. Celia motioned to approve minutes, Mary 2 nd . Minutes approved with amendments.
2. Public Forum	No public appearances	
3. Pesticide Applications a. Centennial Court b. Revise Application Form	a. Bill Devos from Treeworks joined the meeting to discuss the injection process. The area is a mono species canopy. Julie inquired about the possibility of diversifying the canopy. b. Ian talked about the edits he and Celia thought would be helpful on the Pesticide Application.	Mary motioned to approve application; Ian 2 nd . Application approved. Ian and Celia will have a mocked up version for everyone to review.

	<p>Some of the edits they are proposing are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Adding extra space for additional information that would make it easier to approve an application. -Add a paragraph introducing the purpose of the application and Board of Health. It was suggested that the Date of Birth be deleted, but during the discussion Bill cited the reason we have it on the app and that is in case there is a violation it is easier to have the information up front. -The question of certification to dispense pesticides came up and it was suggested to have the City Arborist, VJ Comai, come to a BOH meeting to talk about certifications. -Delete the HOA question -Define Waterway -Include MSOS with application. - Web and paper versions are necessary. 	
4. City Attorney, Kim Sturtevant	<p>Kim reviewed the rules of meetings. She discussed a number of topics but the two main issues were to clarify when an email conversation counted as a quorum and when it didn't. If board members email each other as a group, it is considered a quorum. If staff, Celeste and Bill, email the board it is not a quorum. It is just informational communications-Meetings are open to the public at all times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advance notice of minutes & agendas. <p>There were too many items discussed to write them all here so I have included the link to</p>	

	meeting rules that Kim mentioned, so everyone can review the details as needed.	
<p>5. Covid-19</p> <p>a. Discussion on use of a Deputy Health Officers on City response to Covid-19 by Bill War</p> <p>b. Mask Handout Events</p>	<p>a) Bill mentioned that outdoor or personal gatherings are still limited to a maximum of 25 people.</p> <p>-He also brought up the idea of using deputy officers, city employees, who could help with private violations.</p> <p>-A Board of Health Special Meeting might be in order to review any proposed list of people and their qualifications; such as, pandemic or emergency experience, length of service, or crowd control experience.</p> <p>-Caroline agrees that it is a reasonable request considering students are coming back and out of state travelers are still coming and going through the City and State.</p> <p>-Ian mentioned attending a City Council meeting where the students returning came up as a potential issue, and it would be good to be ahead of the need.</p> <p>-It was mentioned that the Census is almost done so that risk will be limited if not none existant after a short while longer.</p> <p>b) Mask Handout Events</p> <p>We have 300 masks remaining that are available to distribution. Would another table event be practical? The consensus was yes it would be practical and beneficial as the first event was quite a success. Most people were wearing masks or at least had one with them.</p>	
6. Chair Report	Marijuana Cards and Hep A topics have been moved to the Chair Report as there is minimum discussion needed for each at this time.	

7. Emerging Issues	Community Declaration of Racism as a public health emergency. Celia and Ian are working on creating a city declaration, resolution to systemic racism. They are working along the lines of the Vermont Racial Alliance, operation Phoenix Rise. They also discussed the BOH taking the time to analyze, educate, and guide the public. A discussion was had as to adding this topic to the BOH agenda.	Celia motioned to add Community Declaration of Racism as a public health emergency to the agenda. Ian 2 nd . Motion passed.
8. Public Outreach / Communications a. Front Porch Forum	a. Post a reminder about the benefit of wearing a mask, and that there are masks available if needed.	
9. Next Meeting	Thursday, September 24, at 6:30pm	Meet via Zoom
10. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm	Celia motioned, Ian 2 nd .